(Retirement) House Resolution No. 2983

Whereas, as the 2003-2004 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Potosi R-III School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty with the retirement of Title I teacher Mary Ann Woodland who has devoted thirty-one years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as a teacher; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Woodland has taught elementary school children for twenty-seven years at Potosi R-III, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Mary Ann Woodland also taught elementary school children at Ellington and Arcadia Valley for five years, prior to which she worked in the lab, emergency room, and office at Arcadia Valley Hospital; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Woodland has supported her profession as a member of the Community Teachers Association, the Missouri State Teachers Association, the Reading Recovery Council of North America, the International Reading Association, and the Potosi Reading Council; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Woodland is an active member of St. James Church, the Girl Scouts of the USA organization, and the Boy Scouts of America organization; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Woodland has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband of nearly thirty years, David Woodland; one daughter and son-in-law, René and Jon Short; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Dave and Michelle Woodland and Robert Woodland; and four grandchildren, Haley, Hannah, Carter, and Justin:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Potosi R-III School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Mary Ann Woodland has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mary Ann Woodland, as a measure of our esteem for her.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2983, adopted May 12, 2004.